

provided such postage be pre-paid at the time of posting the same. But in case any letter, not being by law specially exempted as aforesaid, transmitted by any such Twopenny or Penny Post, shall not be pre-paid when posted, or shall exceed half an ounce in weight, there shall be taken the same rate of postage as is now payable by law thereon.

That on all Letters not specially exempted from Pennv Post rates, transmitted by any Penny Post in the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, other than London and Dublin, and not having passed through, or being intended to pass through, the General Post, there shall, on and after the fifth day of December next, be taken a rate of one penny as at present.

That no Letter shall be sent by any such Twopenny or Penny Post exceeding four ounces in weight, unless the same shall have originally passed, or shall be intended to pass, through the General Post; and in such last-mentioned case not exceeding the weight of sixteen ounces, unless specially authorised by this warrant as aforesaid.

That all printed newspapers, Parliamentary proceedings, printed votes and proceedings of the Colonial Legislatures, printed prices current, commercial lists, periodical publications posted at Falmouth, unstamped publications, bankers' parcels, patterns, samples, plantation accounts, deeds, books, pamphlets, and other printed papers; soldiers' and seamen's letters, and other letters, articles, and things which may now by law be sent by post, under certain regulations, free of postage, or at reduced rates of postage, shall continue to have the benefit of all the exemptions and privileges they now enjoy, and shall, if forwarded in conformity with such regulations, be charged with the same respective amounts of postage, as are now, by law, payable in respect thereof, subject nevertheless to all the regulations and liabilities now in force respecting the same.

That if any such newspapers, and other printed papers, letters, articles, and things (periodical publications, bankers' parcels, plantation accounts, deeds, books, and pamphlets excepted), shall become chargeable with, and liable to, the full Letter rates of Postage, such rates (and the treble duty on newspapers and other printed papers in such cases as the same shall by law become payable), shall be charged and taken according to the scale of weight and rates hereinbefore specified.

That the rates on the said periodical publications, bankers' parcels, plantation accounts, deeds, books, and pamphlets shall be charged according to the scale and limitation of weight now established and fixed, and with the same amount of Postage as would, by law, be chargeable and payable if this warrant had not been made. But in case any such rates shall exceed the rates of postage to which the said publications and articles would become liable if charged according to the scale of weight, and rates of postage hereinbefore specified, then the same shall be charged with postage under this Warrant, according to the scale and rates aforesaid, (bankers' parcels being in such last-mentioned case charged with the same amount of postage to which any other letters or packets of the same weight would be subject and liable, on being transmitted by the General Post.)

That on all Letters transmitted by packet-boat between any ports in the British possessions in the West Indies, and any port in Columbia or Mexico, pursuant to the said Act of the first year of Her present Majesty, cap. 34, and on all letters transmitted by packet boat between any ports or places in the Red Sea or Persian Gulf, and the East Indies, in-pursuance of the said Act of the first year of Her present Majesty, cap. 76, and on all letters transmitted by packet-boat between places in the Mediterranean and other places, pursuant to the said Act of the first and second years of Her present Majesty, cap. 97, and not exceeding half an ounce in weight respectively, there shall be taken the like rates of postage as are by law now payable in respect of such letters being single letters, and, in case the same shall exceed half an ounce in weight, there shall be taken progressive and additional rates of postage on such letters, according to the scale of weight hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at the amount payable for every such single letter.

And we further order and direct, that in all cases in which the rate of four pence hereby authorised to be charged on letters transmitted by the post, not exceeding half an ounce in weight, shall exceed the duty of postage which would be payable by law, according to the existing rates on single letters so transmitted in case this Warrant had not been made, there shall be taken on such letters the like rates of postage only, and no more, as would by law be payable according to the existing rates, by distance or otherwise, in respect of such single letters, and on any such letters exceeding half an ounce in weight, there shall be charged and paid the progressive additional rates, according to the scale hereinbefore contained, estimating and charging each additional rate at the amount payable according to the existing rates, by distance or otherwise, for every such single letter: provided always, and we hereby declare, that nothing herein contained shall extend to or be in anywise construed to affect the rates of postage payable under an Act passed in the year 1764 (being the 5th Geo. 3, cap. 23) on letters transmitted by the post within or between any of the British dominions in America or the West Indies, and not passing to or from the United Kingdom or the Islands hereinbefore mentioned, or to alter the mode of charging such letters: so far as such rates are now payable by law.

That on all General Post Letters posted within the United Kingdom, or the said Islands, but not including letters addressed to France (which, with reference to existing Treaties between His late Majesty King William the Fourth, or Her present Majesty, and His Majesty the King of the French, are to be excepted), if exceeding one ounce in weight, the postage shall be payable by the sender at the time of posting the same; and if any such letter shall be posted without the postage being so pre-paid, there shall be taken, on every such letter, double the postage to which such letter would otherwise have been liable according to the several and respective progressive and additional rates, and scale of weight hereinbefore mentioned; and in all other cases the rates of postage from time to time payable under this Warrant, shall be paid, and pay-